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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DENNIS JASON WATTS,

Defendant.

2:18-CR-410-RFB-EJY

**Preliminary Order of Forfeiture**

This Court finds Dennis Jason Watts pled guilty to Counts One through Three of a Five-Count Criminal Indictment charging him in Counts One and Two with distribution of a controlled substance-methamphetamine in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and in Count Three with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute-methamphetamine in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). Criminal Indictment, ECF No. 1; Change of Plea, ECF No. 61; Plea Agreement, ECF No. 60

This Court finds Dennis Jason Watts agreed to the forfeiture of the property set forth in the Stipulation to Modify the Plea Agreement. Change of Plea, ECF No. 61; Stipulation to Modify the Plea Agreement, ECF No. 60.

This Court finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) and (b)(2), the United States of America has shown the requisite nexus between property set forth in the Stipulation to Modify the Plea Agreement and the offenses to which Dennis Jason Watts pled guilty.

The following property is (1) any firearm or ammunition involved in or used in any violation of any other criminal law of the United States, 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1); (2) any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the

1 commission of violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1); (3) any firearm used or intended to be  
 2 used to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or concealment of property  
 3 described in 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(1) and (a)(2), in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and any  
 4 proceeds traceable to such property; or (4) any firearm or ammunition intended to be used  
 5 in any offense punishable under the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), and  
 6 is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1) with 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c); 21 U.S.C.  
 7 § 853(a)(2); 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(11) with 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c); and 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1),  
 8 (2)(C), and (3)(B) with 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c):

- 9 1. a Smith and Wesson .32 caliber revolver bearing serial number 618100; and
  - 10 2. any and all compatible ammunition
- 11 (all of which constitutes property).

12 This Court finds that on the government's motion, the Court may at any time enter  
 13 an order of forfeiture or amend an existing order of forfeiture to include subsequently  
 14 located property or substitute property pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e) and  
 15 32.2(b)(2)(C).

16 This Court finds the United States of America is now entitled to, and should, reduce  
 17 the aforementioned property to the possession of the United States of America.

18 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND  
 19 DECREED that the United States of America should seize the aforementioned property.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED all possessory  
 21 rights, ownership rights, and all rights, titles, and interests of Dennis Jason Watts in the  
 22 aforementioned property are forfeited and are vested in the United States of America and  
 23 shall be safely held by the United States of America until further order of the Court.

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the United States  
 25 of America shall publish for at least thirty (30) consecutive days on the official internet  
 26 government forfeiture website, [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov), notice of this Order, which shall  
 27 describe the forfeited property, state the time under the applicable statute when a petition  
 28 contesting the forfeiture must be filed, and state the name and contact information for the

1 government attorney to be served with the petition, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6)  
2 and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2). In the alternative, if the value of the property is less than \$1,000,  
3 the government may instead serve every person reasonably identified as a potential claimant  
4 in lieu of publication pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6)(C) with Fed. R. Civ. P. Supp.  
5 Rule G(4)(a)(i)(A).

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that any individual  
7 or entity who claims an interest in the aforementioned property must file a petition for a  
8 hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, which  
9 petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §  
10 853(n)(3) and 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's  
11 right, title, or interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the  
12 petitioner's petition and the relief sought.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a petition, if any,  
14 must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas,  
15 Nevada 89101, no later than thirty (30) days after the notice is sent or, if direct notice was  
16 not sent, no later than sixty (60) days after the first day of the publication on the official  
17 internet government forfeiture site, [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov).

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a copy of the  
19 petition, if any, shall be served upon the Asset Forfeiture Attorney of the United States  
20 Attorney's Office at the following address at the time of filing:

21 Daniel D. Hollingsworth  
22 Assistant United States Attorney  
23 James A. Blum  
24 Assistant United States Attorney  
25 501 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 1100  
26 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

25 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the notice  
26 described herein need not be published in the event a Declaration of Forfeiture is issued by  
27 the appropriate agency following publication of notice of seizure and intent to  
28 administratively forfeit the above-described property.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Clerk send  
2 copies of this Order to all counsel of record.

3 DATED February 11, 2021.

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7 RICHARD F. BOULWARE, II  
8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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